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## California State Parks Gets The Gold

SACRAMENTO - California State Parks today was presented the Gold Award for its achievements in advancing the State's Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise programs in the state's contracting process. The award was presented by the California Department of General Services as part of its 2002 State Agency Recognition Award program.

State Parks won the top award for excellence in the categories of Executive Support and Education, Outreach and Customer Service. State Parks increased and exceeded mandated goals in its participation in contracting and purchasing with small businesses and disabled veteran enterprises.

"I am extremely proud of our State Parks staff in earning the highest award for achievement," said Ruth Coleman, Acting Director of California State Parks. "It stemmed from a lot of hard work and dedication.

"These are extremely important programs, both for the state agencies and the private enterprises they work with, and State Parks has made them a top priority and will continue to do so in the future," she said.

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